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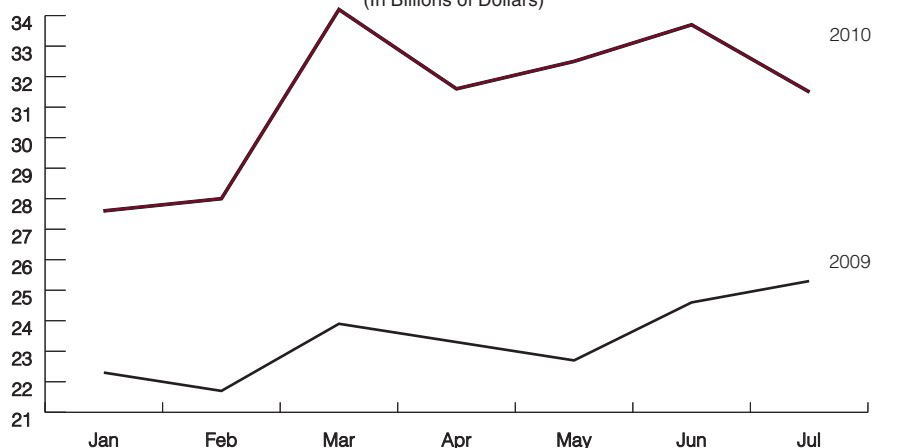
In the March 2010 issue of the *Border Business Indicators (BBI)*, it was stated that with the recession's effects culminating, the 2010 trade picture between the U.S. and Mexico could be much better than in 2009—double-digit growth. U.S.-Mexico trade figures registered gains in the past seven months in both U.S. exports to Mexico and U.S. imports from Mexico. Evident with the increases seen in the last quarter of 2009, the trend in trade growth has continued.

Total trade figures for January through July of 2010 showed this upward bearing. As the monthly percent changes continued in the positive for 2010, the year-to-date (YTD) total trade value marked an increase of 35.3 percent—\$219.1 billion—as opposed to \$163.8 billion in 2009 (See Chart 1). With 2009 in the past, the 2010 trade figures have indicated a rebound to levels prior to the recession and 2009. Even with the weakest quarter on record, Quarter 4, the 2008 final trade figures were the last highest trade figures recorded in the history of the trading partners. The July 2010 YTD trade figures marked a continual progression in the positive that may eclipse those of 2008 by the end of the year—overcoming the losses in 2009.

In Chart 2, the monthly dollar figures for U.S. export to Mexico are presented for 2009 and 2010. As noted, the recorded 2010 monthly dollar values were well above those in 2009. The increases ranged from 17.3 percent to 41.0 percent—the highest recorded for the month of March. The overall increase in export trade for 2010 YTD was 31.5 percent (\$90.3 billion) above that of 2009 (\$69.9 billion).

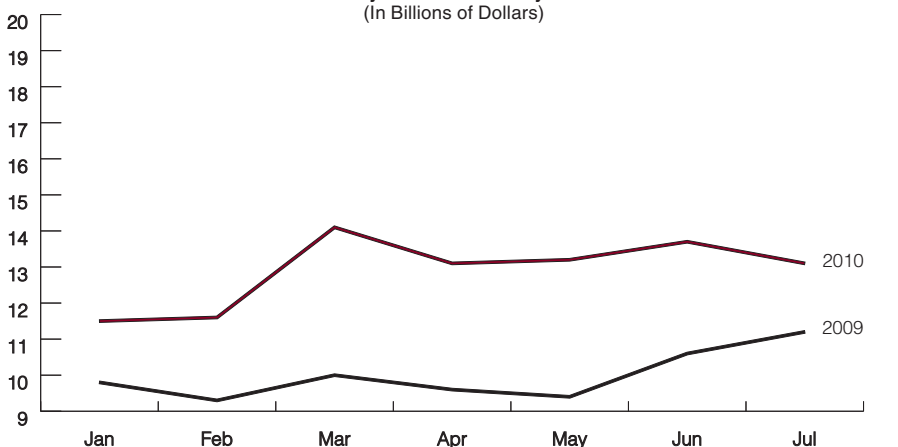
The trade figures for U.S. imports from Mexico fared even better. As with the

Chart 1
U.S.-Mexico Total Trade
Jan.-July 2009 vs. Jan.-July 2010
(In Billions of Dollars)



Total Trade	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	YTD
2009	22.3	21.7	23.9	23.3	22.7	24.6	25.3	163.8
2010	27.6	28.0	34.2	31.6	32.5	33.7	31.5	219.1
% Change 2009 vs. 2010	23.8	29.0	43.1	35.6	43.2	37.0	24.5	35.3

Chart 2
U.S. Exports to Mexico
Jan.-July 2009 vs. Jan.-July 2010
(In Billions of Dollars)



Exports	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	YTD
2009	9.8	9.3	10.0	9.6	9.4	10.6	11.2	69.9
2010	11.5	11.6	14.1	13.1	13.2	13.7	13.1	90.3
% Change 2009 vs. 2010	17.3	24.7	41.0	36.5	40.4	29.2	17.0	31.5

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of the Census, Foreign Trade Division data compiled by the Texas Center at Texas A&M International University (Charts 1 and 2).

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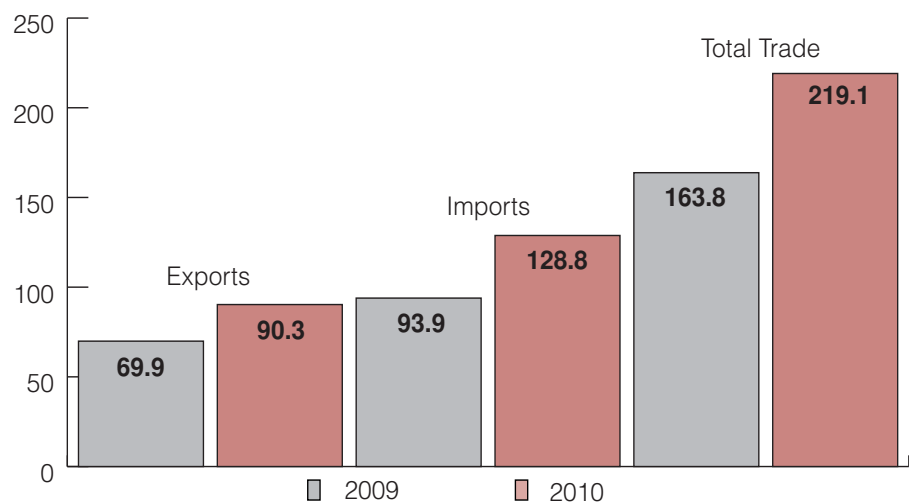
Note from the Director

Indicators of border business activity that were reported for July 2010 year-to-date (YTD) demonstrated twelve indicators increased and nine decreased. 2010 YTD comparisons to 2009 reported for the border are listed below:

- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Mexico were down 2.7 percent.
- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Texas were up 7.1 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Mexico fell 8.9 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Texas fell 14.1 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Mexico gained 14.2 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Texas gained 4.4 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Mexico went up 15.4 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Texas went up 14.3 percent.
- Revenues data collected by U.S. Customs was not available at press time.
- Revenues collected by U.S. bridge operators registered a gain of 0.9 percent.
- Tourist visas issued for entry into Mexico were down 1.8 percent.
- Total employment was up 1.6 percent, with 8,248 jobs gained. The average unemployment rate for the border in July 2010 was 9.5 percent.
- Total building permits issued rose 32.5 percent.
- Total building permit values increased 12.1 percent.
- Power connections in service for residential were up 1.2 percent, commercial were down 3.6 percent and industrial were down 0.2 percent.
- Air passenger arrivals were down 3.0 percent, and departures were down 2.7 percent.
- Total cargo for the Port of Brownsville decreased 7.7 percent.
- Inbound cargo for the Port of Corpus Christi went up 4.1 percent, and outbound cargo went up 7.8 percent.

U.S.-Mexico Trade at a Glance

July 2010 Year-to-Date
(In Billions of U.S.\$)



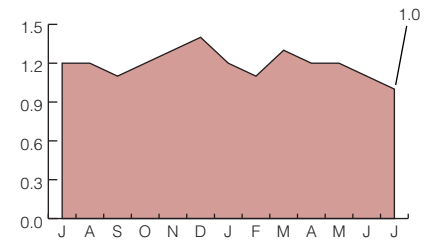
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Division, Data Dissemination Branch

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Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

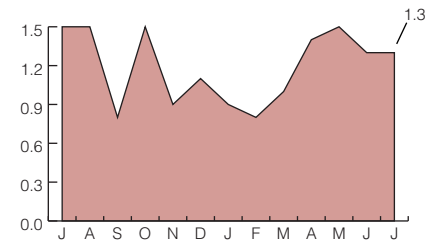
City	Jul 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	153,163	15.1	-16.2		1,202,939	1,184,011	14.7	-1.6
Del Rio	2,956	0.3	-19.0		31,593	23,604	0.3	-25.3
Eagle Pass	48,308	4.8	-3.8		369,125	365,623	4.5	-0.9
El Paso	395,310	38.9	-7.4		2,927,979	2,934,684	36.5	0.2
Harlingen	48	0.0	-20.0		180	166	0.0	-7.8
Laredo	250,005	24.6	-26.0		2,312,411	2,118,652	26.3	-8.4
McAllen-Hidalgo	128,864	12.7	-2.1		773,407	895,256	11.1	15.8
Progreso	37,890	3.7	-4.6		647,513	519,594	6.5	-19.8
Rio Grande	4	0.0	-75.0		194	60	0.0	-69.1
Roma	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	1,016,548	100.0	-13.3		8,265,341	8,041,650	100.0	-2.7

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Pedestrians into Mexico All Cited Cities
Jul. 2009 vs. Jul. 2010: Down **13.3%**
(In Millions)**Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

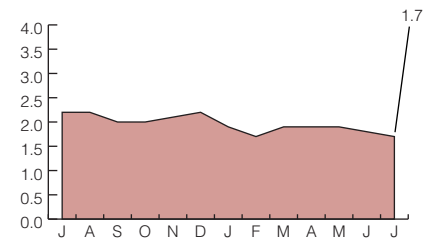
City	Jul 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	143,689	11.3	-32.2		1,436,880	1,313,566	16.0	-8.6
Del Rio	6,055	0.5	7.5		51,009	41,037	0.5	-19.5
Eagle Pass	52,520	4.1	-7.5		406,719	393,981	4.8	-3.1
El Paso	539,985	42.6	-6.5		1,154,409	2,193,912	26.8	90.0
Laredo	295,801	23.3	-24.7		2,653,649	2,451,885	29.9	-7.6
McAllen-Hidalgo	166,267	13.1	-2.1		1,141,737	1,120,985	13.7	-1.8
Presidio	3,311	0.3	61.5		4,267	9,923	0.1	132.6
Progreso	38,731	3.1	-5.0		653,732	528,356	6.4	-19.2
Rio Grande	1,345	0.1	-16.1		11,971	10,276	0.1	-14.2
Roma	19,678	1.6	16.0		142,571	136,458	1.7	-4.3
Total	1,267,382	100.0	-14.1		7,656,944	8,200,379	100.0	7.1

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

Pedestrians into Texas All Cited Cities
Jul. 2009 vs. Jul. 2010: Down **14.1%**
(In Millions)**Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

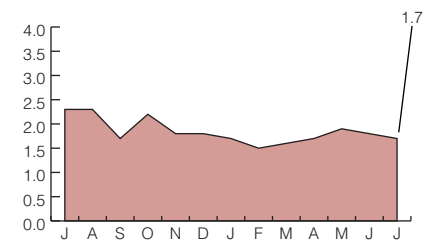
City	Jul 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	239,528	13.8	-37.8		2,709,992	2,270,888	17.7	-16.2
Del Rio	107,803	6.2	3.3		820,727	758,971	5.9	-7.5
Eagle Pass	195,329	11.3	-10.0		1,513,059	1,435,853	11.2	-5.1
El Paso	313,513	18.1	6.8		2,045,062	1,893,127	14.8	-7.4
Harlingen	40,900	2.4	-24.3		364,328	287,967	2.2	-21.0
Laredo	342,373	19.8	-20.5		2,845,521	2,627,389	20.5	-7.7
McAllen-Hidalgo	326,608	18.9	-16.2		2,195,717	2,294,238	17.9	4.5
Pharr	110,602	6.4	-10.2		812,836	734,849	5.7	-9.6
Progreso	35,427	2.0	-40.9		474,808	365,412	2.8	-23.0
Rio Grande	19,606	1.1	-52.4		305,763	161,148	1.3	-47.3
Roma	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	1,731,689	100.0	-17.5		14,087,813	12,829,842	100.0	-8.9

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Vehicles into Mexico All Cited Cities
Jul. 2009 vs. Jul. 2010: Down **17.5%**
(In Millions)**Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Jul 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	230,734	13.6	-39.0		2,846,328	2,260,675	18.8	-20.6
Del Rio	108,503	6.4	-6.0		839,713	781,542	6.5	-6.9
Eagle Pass	84,662	5.0	-62.3		1,582,002	1,061,887	8.8	-32.9
El Paso	413,012	24.3	9.2		758,068	1,457,155	12.1	92.2
Harlingen	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laredo	319,379	18.8	-25.2		2,860,801	2,476,633	20.6	-13.4
McAllen-Hidalgo	222,320	13.1	-38.9		2,559,752	1,784,330	14.8	-30.3
Pharr	166,161	9.8	-3.0		1,128,920	1,084,148	9.0	-4.0
Presidio	54,873	3.2	-2.7		112,475	220,468	1.8	96.0
Progreso	37,231	2.2	-42.7		511,259	393,018	3.3	-23.1
Rio Grande	23,163	1.4	-47.7		338,517	184,239	1.5	-45.6
Roma	42,584	2.5	-37.9		484,934	347,324	2.9	-28.4
Total	1,702,622	100.0	-25.7		14,022,769	12,051,419	100.0	-14.1

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

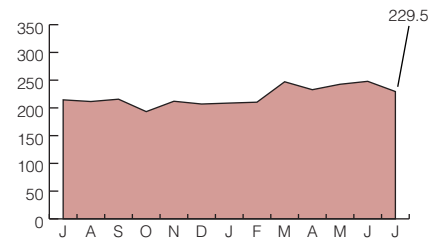
Vehicles into Texas All Cited Cities
Jul. 2009 vs. Jul. 2010: Down **25.7%**
(In Millions)

Truck Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Jul 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	16,617	7.2	15.1		95,732	107,800	6.7	12.6
Del Rio	4,416	1.9	1.6		31,284	30,840	1.9	-1.4
Eagle Pass	7,095	3.1	10.0		42,879	50,256	3.1	17.2
El Paso	28,488	12.4	21.4		162,812	198,801	12.3	22.1
Harlingen	1,988	0.9	-3.4		12,642	12,059	0.7	-4.6
Laredo	127,453	55.5	4.5		789,860	915,855	56.6	16.0
McAllen-Hidalgo	255	0.1	-29.4		2,038	1,766	0.1	-13.3
Pharr	40,011	17.4	13.9		240,823	269,971	16.7	12.1
Progreso	1,402	0.6	-47.9		19,920	15,526	1.0	-22.1
Rio Grande	1,821	0.8	-39.6		19,613	16,064	1.0	-18.1
Roma	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	229,546	100.0	7.3		1,417,603	1,618,938	100.0	14.2

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

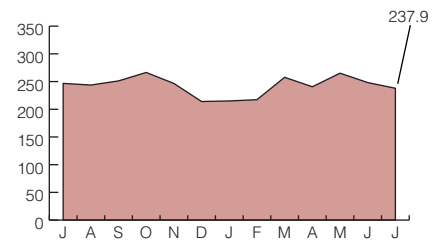
Note: Figures include loaded and empty trucks. El Paso figures do not include Bridge of the Americas.

Trucks into Mexico All Cited Cities
Jul. 2009 vs. Jul. 2010: Up 7.3%
(In Thousands)**Truck Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Jul 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	15,661	6.6	14.4		91,202	103,146	6.1	13.1
Del Rio	4,533	1.9	6.7		27,933	31,565	1.9	13.0
Eagle Pass	7,324	3.1	3.0		46,562	53,272	3.2	14.4
Falcon Heights	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
El Paso	61,173	25.7	10.4		352,005	412,761	24.5	17.3
Harlingen	2,755	1.2	1.5		16,980	17,595	1.0	3.6
Laredo	99,978	42.0	-16.8		776,862	739,170	44.0	-4.9
Pharr	41,660	17.5	15.4		245,509	275,442	16.4	12.2
Presidio	657	0.3	30.4		3,550	5,228	0.3	47.3
Progreso	2,034	0.9	-45.7		28,560	26,786	1.6	-6.2
Rio Grande	1,652	0.7	-30.5		17,467	13,044	0.8	-25.3
Roma	502	0.2	-18.6		4,133	3,833	0.2	-7.3
Total	237,929	100.0	-3.6		1,610,763	1,681,842	100.0	4.4

Source: South Texas Customs Management Center, Laredo & U.S. Customs Office of Public Affairs, El Paso

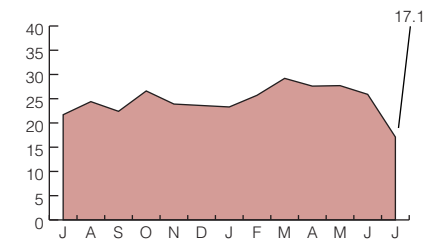
Note: Figures include loaded and empty trucks.

Trucks into Texas All Cited Cities
Jul. 2009 vs. Jul. 2010: Down 3.6%
(In Thousands)**Rail Car Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Jul 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	4,902	28.7	91.4		21,144	21,698	12.3	2.6
Eagle Pass	9,486	55.6	34.6		46,948	57,448	32.6	22.4
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laredo	2,674	15.7	-77.9		84,671	97,196	55.1	14.8
Total	17,062	100.0	-21.5		152,763	176,342	100.0	15.4

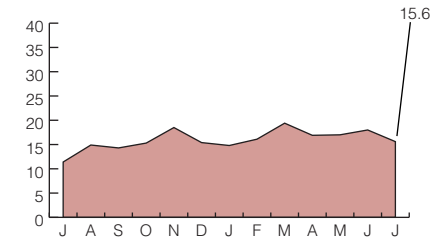
Source: Railroad companies in cited cities

Note: Figures for El Paso are not available.

Rail Cars into Mexico All Cited Cities
Jul. 2009 vs. Jul. 2010: Down 21.5%
(In Thousands)**Rail Car Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Jul 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	1,241	8.0	150.2		4,007	5,410	4.6	35.0
Eagle Pass	6,701	43.0	87.8		29,671	42,694	36.2	43.9
El Paso	6,254	40.1	232.3		32,027	20,834	17.7	-34.9
Laredo	1,392	8.9	-74.3		37,399	48,878	41.5	30.7
Total	15,588	100.0	37.1		103,104	117,816	100.0	14.3

Source: Railroad companies in cited cities & U.S. Customs Office of Public Affairs, El Paso

Rail Cars into Texas All Cited Cities
Jul. 2009 vs. Jul. 2010: Up 37.1%
(In Thousands)

Revenues Collected by U.S. Customs District of Laredo (in U.S.\$)

City	Jul 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					

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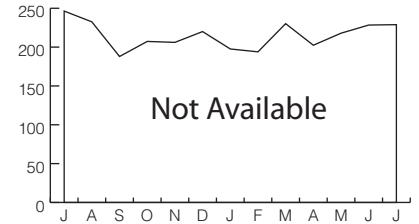
Source: South Texas Customs Management Center, Laredo

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Customs Revenues for the District of Laredo

Jul. 2009 vs. Jul. 2010: **N/A**

(In Millions of U.S.\$)

**Revenues Collected by U.S. Bridge Operators (in U.S.\$)**

City	Jul 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	984,741	12.3	3.2		6,562,539	6,817,467	13.0	3.9
Del Rio	324,214	4.1	18.5		2,386,404	2,718,866	5.2	13.9
Eagle Pass	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
El Paso	1,458,792	18.3	20.6		8,249,206	8,977,910	17.1	8.8
Harlingen	140,026	1.8	-12.9		1,071,767	972,202	1.8	-9.3
Laredo	3,327,520	41.7	-5.3		23,022,865	21,239,782	40.4	-7.7
McAllen-Hidalgo	814,847	10.2	-14.7		5,399,080	5,710,893	10.9	5.8
Pharr	927,447	11.6	6.5		5,414,682	6,152,879	11.7	13.6
Rio Grande	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	7,977,586	100.0	0.5		52,106,543	52,589,999	100.0	0.9

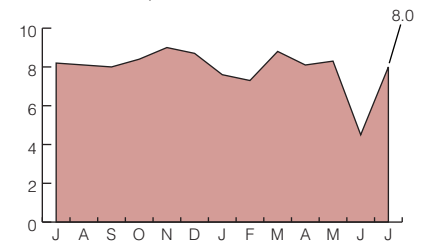
Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Note: El Paso figures do not include Bridge of the Americas (Toll-free). Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Bridge Revenues All Cited Cities

Jul. 2009 vs. Jul. 2010: **Up 0.5%**

(In Millions of U.S.\$)

**Tourist Visas Issued for Entry into Mexico**

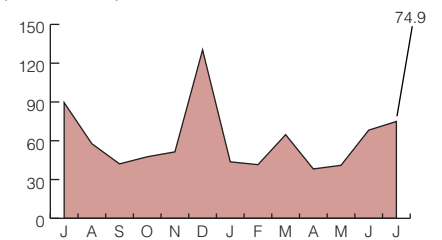
City	Jul 10	%Share	09 vs. 10		YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	6,909	9.2	-22.3		35,745	46,002	12.4	28.7
Del Rio	779	1.0	16.4		3,589	3,895	1.0	8.5
Eagle Pass	2,523	3.4	-20.4		16,394	12,301	3.3	-25.0
El Paso	18,528	24.7	55.9		53,274	73,219	19.7	37.4
Falcon Heights	121	0.2	-81.4		2,948	1,047	0.3	-64.5
Laredo	29,977	40.0	-29.1		160,464	149,924	40.3	-6.6
McAllen-Hidalgo	11,667	15.6	-22.2		72,400	64,415	17.3	-11.0
Presidio	1,722	2.3	7.4		7,677	7,118	1.9	-7.3
Progreso	818	1.1	-48.1		8,238	5,271	1.4	-36.0
Rio Grande	224	0.3	-75.2		4,493	1,468	0.4	-67.3
Roma	1,600	2.1	-45.1		13,788	7,517	2.0	-45.5
Total	74,868	100.0	-16.4		379,010	372,177	100.0	-1.8

Source: Instituto Nacional de Migracion, Mexico

Tourist Visas Issued All Cited Cities

Jul. 2009 vs. Jul. 2010: **Down 16.4%**

(In Thousands)

**Employment & Unemployment Rates (Texas Border)**

City	Employed		Unemployed		%Unemp	Emp Avg		09 vs. 10	Gain/Loss
	Jul 10	Jul 10	Jul 10	Jul 10		YTD 09	YTD 10		
Brownsville	60,318	8,426	12.3			58,224	60,353	3.7	2,129
Del Rio	15,588	1,467	8.6			15,150	15,654	3.3	504
El Paso	240,221	24,699	9.3			239,507	242,978	1.4	3,471
Harlingen	24,329	2,488	9.3			23,620	24,343	3.1	723
Laredo	82,891	7,615	8.4			83,591	83,065	-0.6	-527
McAllen	57,246	5,122	8.2			57,024	58,336	2.3	1,312
Pharr	23,451	2,924	11.1			23,249	23,886	2.7	637
Total	504,044	52,741	9.5			500,367	508,615	1.6	8,248
Texas Unemployment Rate					8.5				
U.S. Unemployment Rate					9.7				

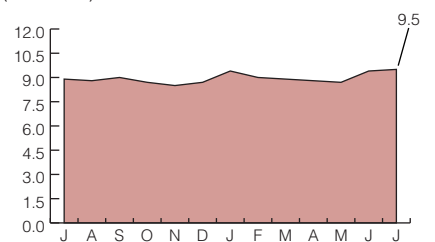
Source: Texas Workforce Commission

Note: Figures are preliminary and subject to revision. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Percent of Unemployment All Cited Cities Combined

Jul. 2009 vs. Jul. 2010: **Up 6.7%**

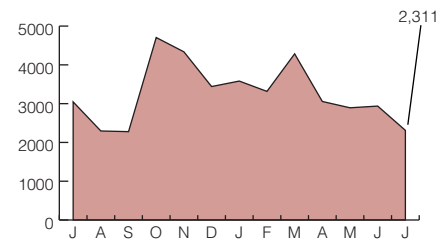
(In Percent)



Building Permits

Number City	Jul 10	%Share	09 vs. 10 %Chg	YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	YTD %Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,432	631	2.8	-55.9
Del Rio	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,285	661	3.0	-48.6
Eagle Pass	22	1.0	-40.5	196	214	1.0	9.2
El Paso	1,696	73.4	34.8	8,194	16,671	74.5	103.5
Harlingen	168	7.3	-31.1	1,444	1,325	5.9	-8.2
Laredo	146	6.3	-63.5	2,363	1,211	5.4	-48.8
McAllen	279	12.1	0.4	1,972	1,666	7.4	-15.5
Total	2,311	100.0	-24.1	16,886	22,379	100.0	32.5

Building Permits All Cited Cities
Jul. 2009 vs. Jul. 2010
(Number of Permits): Down **24.1%**

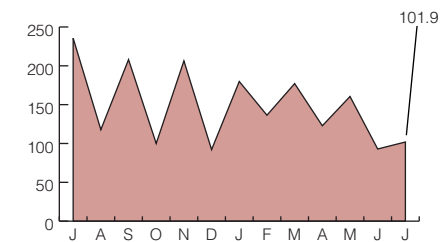


Dollar Value City	Jul 10	%Share	09 vs. 10 %Chg	YTD 09	YTD 10	%Share	YTD %Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	68,667,116	60,239,938	6.2	-12.3
Del Rio	N/A	N/A	N/A	20,232,824	15,218,482	1.6	-24.8
Eagle Pass	971,567	1.0	33.6	8,120,306	12,426,703	1.3	53.0
El Paso	78,169,919	76.7	-3.7	460,153,237	667,233,009	68.7	45.0
Harlingen	2,147,907	2.1	-94.5	61,868,129	31,938,072	3.3	-48.4
Laredo	13,603,374	13.4	-20.5	92,386,119	136,327,729	14.0	47.6
McAllen	6,966,968	6.8	-92.1	155,231,750	47,924,812	4.9	-69.1
Total	101,859,735	100.0	-56.7	866,659,481	971,308,745	100.0	12.1

Source: Permit Departments in cited cities

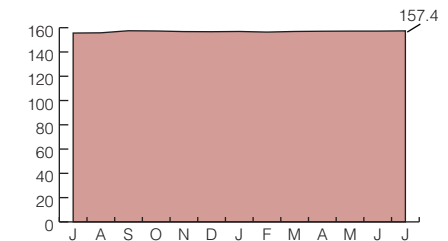
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(Value of Permits In Millions of U.S.\$): Down **56.7%**

**Power Connections (in Service)**

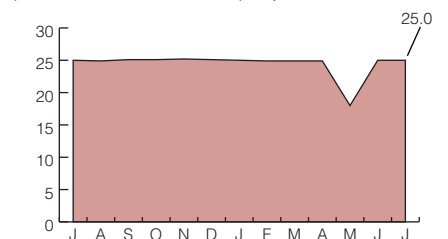
Residential City	Jul 10	%Share	09 vs. 10 %Chg	Average YTD 09	Average YTD 10	%Share	YTD %Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	15,536	9.9	0.4	15,422	15,533	9.9	0.7
Eagle Pass	11,594	7.4	1.0	11,435	11,593	7.4	1.4
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	24,872	15.8	0.7	24,686	24,874	15.8	0.8
Laredo	65,189	41.4	1.4	64,074	64,900	41.3	1.3
McAllen	40,238	25.6	1.6	39,541	40,123	25.6	1.5
Total	157,429	100.0	1.2	155,159	157,023	100.0	1.2

Power Connections All Cited Cities
Jul. 2009 vs. Jul. 2010
(Residential – In Thousands): Up **1.2%**



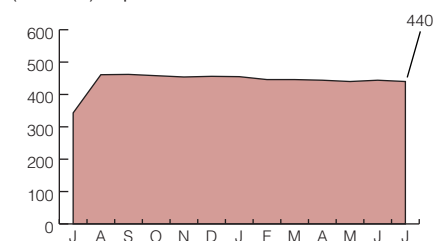
Commercial City	Jul 10	%Share	09 vs. 10 %Chg	Average YTD 09	Average YTD 10	%Share	YTD %Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	2,373	9.5	-1.9	2,388	2,372	9.9	-0.7
Eagle Pass	1,680	6.7	-0.1	1,680	1,676	7.0	-0.2
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	4,139	16.5	-0.5	4,148	4,146	17.3	0.0
Laredo	9,703	38.7	1.5	9,537	9,657	40.3	1.3
McAllen	7,154	28.6	-0.2	7,138	6,135	25.6	-14.0
Total	25,049	100.0	0.3	24,890	23,986	100.0	-3.6

(Commercial – In Thousands): Up **0.3%**



Industrial City	Jul 10	%Share	09 vs. 10 %Chg	Average YTD 09	Average YTD 10	%Share	YTD %Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	41	9.3	-4.7	43	43	9.6	-1.0
Eagle Pass	21	4.8	-8.7	24	21	4.7	-12.7
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	88	20.0	-7.4	94	90	20.3	-4.1
Laredo	173	39.3	154.4	168	175	39.4	4.4
McAllen	117	26.6	2.6	117	116	26.0	-1.0
Total	440	100.0	28.3	446	445	100.0	-0.2

(Industrial): Up **28.3%**



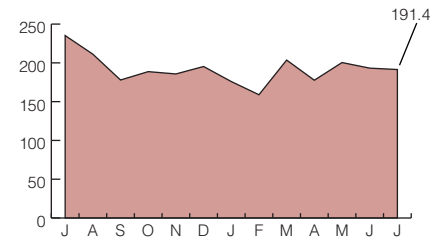
Source: American Electric Power Company, Brownsville Public Utilities Board & El Paso Electric Company

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Air Passenger Service Activity (Number of Passengers)

Arrivals		09 vs. 10		YTD		YTD	
City	Jul 10	%Share	%Chg	09	10	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	7,435	3.9	-16.8	44,588	34,875	2.7	-21.8
El Paso	139,099	72.7	-1.4	802,173	829,471	63.7	3.4
Harlingen	33,339	17.4	1.3	222,632	217,368	16.7	-2.4
Laredo	11,530	6.0	-2.9	59,114	65,693	5.0	11.1
McAllen	N/A	N/A	N/A	212,998	153,726	11.8	-27.8
Total	191,403	100.0	-18.6	1,341,505	1,301,133	100.0	-3.0

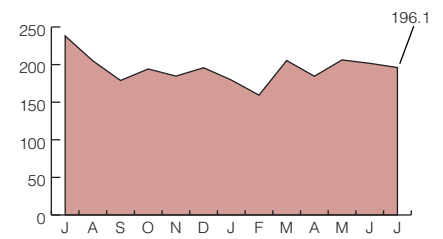
Air Passenger Activity All Cited Cities
Jul. 2009 vs. Jul. 2010
(Arrivals – In Thousands): Down **18.6%**



Departures		09 vs. 10		YTD		YTD	
City	Jul 10	%Share	%Chg	09	10	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	7,792	4.0	-12.2	46,756	37,246	2.8	-20.3
El Paso	143,337	73.1	0.4	814,398	847,207	63.6	4.0
Harlingen	33,324	17.0	1.2	229,585	223,940	16.8	-2.5
Laredo	11,617	5.9	-2.0	59,069	64,492	4.8	9.2
McAllen	N/A	N/A	N/A	219,399	159,877	12.0	-27.1
Total	196,070	100.0	-17.7	1,369,207	1,332,762	100.0	-2.7

Source: Airports in cited cities

(Departures – In Thousands): Down **17.7%**

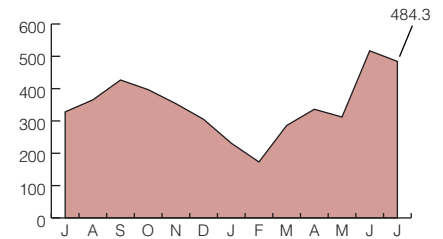
**Port of Brownsville** (Total Cargo in Metric Tons)

Cargo Type		09 vs. 10		YTD		YTD	
	Jul 10	%Share	%Chg	09	10	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	133,982	27.7	110.1	613,317	644,612	27.5	5.1
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Grain Bulk	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Liquid	110,057	22.7	6134.0	456,724	220,111	9.4	-51.8
Machinery	2,437	0.5	-63.0	8,322	10,629	0.5	27.7
Ores-Minerals	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Other	61	0.0	N/A	8,406	70	0.0	-99.2
Petroleum	237,730	49.1	-7.1	1,449,393	1,464,570	62.6	1.0
Steel-Other Materials	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Total	484,267	100.0	47.6	2,536,163	2,339,992	100.0	-7.7

Source: Port of Brownsville

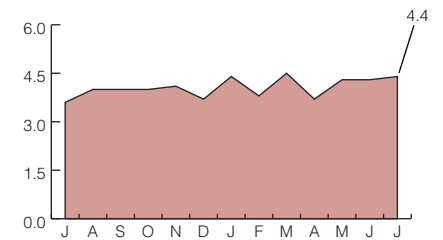
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Port of Brownsville Total Cargo
Jul. 2009 vs. Jul. 2010: Up **47.6%**
(In Thousands of Metric Tons)

**Port of Corpus Christi** (Cargo in U.S. Tons)

Inbound		09 vs. 10		YTD		YTD	
Cargo Type	Jul 10	%Share	%Chg	09	10	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	17,643	0.4	-8.9	76,913	148,304	0.5	92.8
Chemical	8,831	0.2	71.7	68,258	62,015	0.2	-9.1
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	397,503	9.0	21.2	2,450,124	2,637,231	9.0	7.6
Grain Bulk	0	0.0	0.0	16,197	4,691	0.0	-71.0
Liquid	13,915	0.3	-61.8	54,817	149,142	0.5	172.1
Petroleum	3,993,090	90.1	24.1	25,602,412	26,426,046	89.8	3.2
Total	4,430,982	100.0	22.9	28,268,721	29,427,427	100.0	4.1

Port of Corpus Christi Cargo
Jul. 2009 vs. Jul. 2010
(Inbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Up **22.9%**

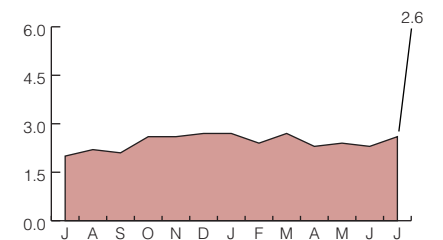


Outbound		09 vs. 10		YTD		YTD	
Cargo Type	Jul 10	%Share	%Chg	09	10	%Share	%Chg
Break Bulk	11,465	0.4	1173.5	83,901	66,132	0.4	-21.2
Chemical	120,983	4.6	7.6	542,031	771,543	4.4	42.3
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Dry Bulk	223,920	8.5	-20.6	1,479,060	1,243,130	7.1	-16.0
Grain Bulk	197,103	7.5	58.3	1,875,169	1,746,843	10.0	-6.8
Liquid	0	0.0	0.0	0	62,434	0.4	0.0
Petroleum	2,077,726	79.0	36.6	12,278,480	13,630,912	77.8	11.0
Total	2,631,197	100.0	29.0	16,258,641	17,520,993	100.0	7.8

Source: Port of Corpus Christi

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

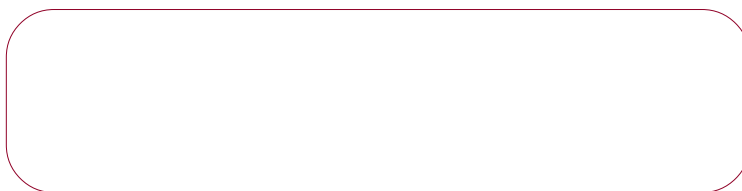
(Outbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Up **29.0%**





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export merchandise, import merchandise dollar value was above in comparison to last year's figure. These dollar values for the period January to July 2010 are exhibited. (See Chart 3) As with the export figures, the U.S. imports from Mexico experienced double-digit gains. Unlike the export figures, imports did record higher rates of positive change. The range of growth for imports were from 28.8 percent to 45.1 percent—May 2010. The YTD dollar value for imports in this period was \$128.8 billion compared with \$93.9 billion for the same period in 2009, a 38.1 percent increase.

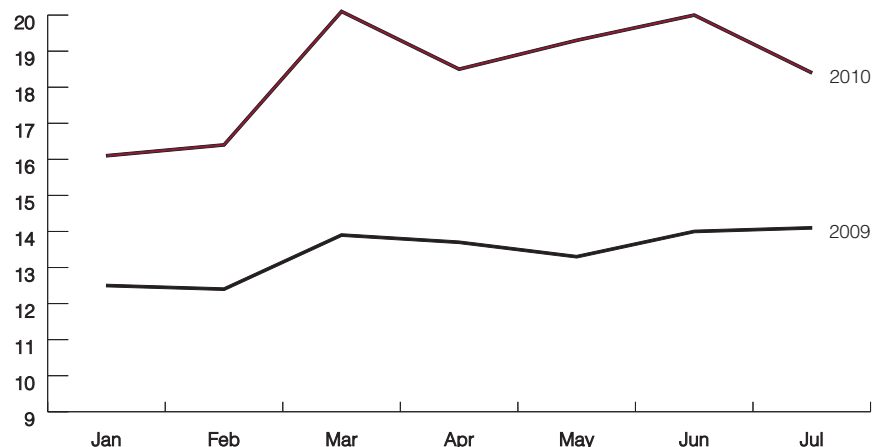
The balance of trade between the trading partners continued with the U.S. in deficit with Mexico. In 2010 YTD, the trade deficit was \$38.4 billion. The deficit for the same period last year was \$24.1 billion, an increase of 59.3 percent. This was due to the strong showing of U.S. exports to Mexico.

If the trend in trade continues at the current pace, 2010 figures will surpass

2009, but they may surpass that of 2008. The only thing in the way is another reces-

sion. In future *BBIs*, these activities will be monitored.—*B. Garcia*

Chart 3
U.S. Imports from Mexico
Jan.-July 2009 vs. Jan.-July 2010
(In Billions of Dollars)



Imports	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	YTD
2009	12.5	12.4	13.9	13.7	13.3	14.0	14.1	93.9
2010	16.1	16.4	20.1	18.5	19.3	20.0	18.4	128.8
% Change 2009 vs. 2010	28.8	32.3	44.6	35.0	45.1	42.9	30.5	38.1

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of the Census, Foreign Trade Division data compiled by the Texas Center at Texas A&M International University.